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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, March 14,
1822, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe
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James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson

Washington March 14. 1822

Dear Sir

I have had the pleasure to receive your letter of the 6th, & to forward that to Dr. Morse inclosed in it, in the manner desired. I have read with great interest & satisfaction the very luminous view, which you have taken of the many & very serious objections to the association of which he may be said to be the author. I concur with you thoroughly in every sentiment which you have expressed on the subject, & I hope you will excuse a liberty which I have taken, to retain a copy of it, & that you will also permit me to shew it to the members of the administration & some other friends here. I have shewn it to Mr. Hay, who expresses a strong desire that it could be made publick, as he thinks that it would produce a very happy effect, in checking combinations of the kind. Mr. Gouverneur who copied it, is the only other

person who has seen it, or who will see it, without your permission.

You have I doubt not read the message respecting the independent governments to the south of the UStates. There was danger in standing still or moving forward, of a nation, in both instances, which will redly occur to you. I thought that it was the wisest policy to

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risk that, which was incident to the latter course, as it comported more with the liberal & magnanimous spirit of our own country than the other. I hope that you will concur in the opinion that the time had arriv'd, beyond which it ought not to have been longer delayd.

With great respect & esteem your friend & servant James Monroe

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